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Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General

Attn: Antitrust Division

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Dear Attorney General Coakley:

As the State Senator for Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham, and Malden, I am writing to offer my strong support for the Consent Judgment between your office and Partners HealthCare to allow Hallmark Health to merge with Partners HealthCare.

The proposed merger of Hallmark Health and Partners Healthcare is an excellent opportunity for Hallmark Health to remain a viable provider of quality health care in its core communities. Specifically, Partners HealthCare will be able to provide primary and secondary health care in Melrose, Stoneham and Medford, at more affordable sites for primary and secondary care than in Boston; and the volume of patients from Partners HealthCare will help Hallmark Health achieve operational sustainability in a lower-cost health care environment. Without this merger, Hallmark would not be able to fill gaps in clinical integration in these community areas.

Hallmark Health plans to use long-standing relationships with Massachusetts General Hospital physicians to aid in the transition toward more integrated care and coordination with Partners Healthcare. This merger is critical for attracting the best healthcare providers to treat patients here in our communities.

Gaining approval of the Consent Agreement is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to advance primary and secondary health care in the Melrose, Malden and Wakefield area for generations to come. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jason Lewis".

Jason M. Lewis